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## Governor's Greenhouse Gas Plan Good First Step; Lacks Enforcement to Make it Work

**SACRAMENTO** – In response to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's release of his Greenhouse Gas reduction plan, State Controller Steve Westly today questioned whether the governor's plan can actually work without accompanying legislation.

"Climate change poses many real threats to the economic and environmental future of California," State Controller Steve Westly said. "The Governor has missed a key opportunity to address this issue by putting forth a good idea without any type of enforcement to support it."

Governor Schwarzenegger's "Environmental Action Plan" reduces the State's Greenhouse Gas emission levels through the year 2050, however the plan is voluntary because the governor's plan is through executive order.

"I am glad the governor agrees that adopting global emission standards is a California priority," Controller Westly said. "I ask the governor to take the next step and work with us by signing **AB 1365**. Adopting pollution emissions standards can only work if there is transparency and accountability. My bill respects the needs of businesses while reducing emissions."

**AB 1365** sponsored by Controller Westly and authored by Assembly Member Ira Ruskin (D-Redwood City) establishes a Greenhouse Gas reduction target for California. Other states have already stepped up and set greenhouse gas reduction targets including New York and Massachusetts.

The bill's reduction targets are modeled after the internationally accepted Kyoto Protocol.

**AB 1365** passed the Assembly Tuesday on a vote of 47 to 30, and heads next to the Senate floor for debate.

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